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### Mail-Carrier's Adventure.

The fourteen feet long shoes of Snow-shoe Thompson were sent to the Louisville exhibition by H. Mc. Knight, superintendent of the railway mail service on the Pacific coast. The shoes are those built for Thompson, who was a mail-carrier on the various Sierra Nevada routes for many years and died only a few years ago. If a history of a few of the starting adventures encountered by Thompson could be sent along with the shoes, they would indeed be an interesting exhibit. One morning when Thompson was resting at a hut near Yank's station, something knocked at the door, and, going to open it, Thompson saw a big grizzly. Thompson jumped back, and the bear waddled in and gave evidence of his satisfaction at the prospect of a mail carrier for a winter's feast. He couldn't get out of the door, so Thompson jumped up, caught hold of a cross beam and drew himself up. The bear camped underneath and grunted indignantly, as though saying: "Well, old fellow, you've got to drop down sooner or later; here goes to see which one will outlast the other."

Thompson sat it out all that day and the following night. There was no use in crying for help, as none would be within hailing until spring. He could not jump down and fight the bear with his pocket knife, and altogether the case looked pretty desperate for the old mail-carrier. His snow-shoes were leaning from one end of the cabin to the wall at the other end, and Thompson finally reached his knife and lashed it with his scarf, torn in strips, on one end of one shoe, making a formidable lance of it. While the bear camped under him he could not use his lasso. The cabin not being long enough, Thompson at last got the animal outside the door by tossing one of his stockings out, which the bear lunged out to investigate. That got him far enough to be prodded and Thompson prepared. When the grizzly had sniffed the bait it turned round facing the door, and found itself within a foot of Thompson's lance point. The old mail-carrier only had a foot to draw back his lance, but he used it to good advantage, for carefully drawing it back, he gave it a sudden lunge forward, the knife entering the bear's brain through one of its eyes.

When the exhausted mail carrier reached Yank's and told his story it was doubted, although Thompson had a remarkable reputation for truth telling among those hardy liars of the mountains. "There, if you don't believe me, boys," Thompson said, "the United States map kept wait until my carriage is vindicated. I'll not leave this place until some of ye doubting lubbers has gone back that and brought me a steak from that far tar." And it was done. Yank himself and some of the men about the station went back on snow-shoes, and Thompson and his dinner off a steak of the bear he had killed with his snow-shoe lance.—San Francisco Call.

### The Wrong Candidate.

He was a ward striker. He had whisky inside and old clothes outside. He had his pants in his boots and his hat on his ear. He had the idea firmly fixed in his mind that he controlled the fate of at least one party at the coming election. Entering a place on Griswold street he found a candidate who was waiting the arrival of the occupant. Walking up to the candidate the striker remarked:

"Say, old fellow, you've got to come down with a twenty!"  
"No."  
"You bet you have!"  
"What for?"  
"To make it all right with the boys. They're 't' to hold 'em to it. No money, no work with us, you know!"

The candidate rose up, seized the man with a firm grip and put him through the door with a kick which seemed to loosen the scalp, saying as he let his foot fall:

"Just charge that to the campaign fund!"

The man walked out into the street and stood there for five minutes looking back at the door. Then some one asked him what was the matter, and he replied:

"Found the biggest curiosity in the world. Here's a candidate who wants to run four million votes behind his ticket!"—Detroit Free Press.

### An Editor's Life.

An editor who seems to have soured more than the average lot over his occupation, draws the following picture of his life:

"One of the beauties and charms of an editor is in his deadheading it on all occasions. No one who has ever feasted on the sweetest of that bliss can begin to take in the glory of his happiness. He does \$100 worth of advertising for a railroad, gets a 'puss' for a year, rides \$25 worth and then he is looked upon as a dead head or a half-blown d-a-beat. He 'puffs' a concert \$10 worth and gets \$1 in complementaries, and is thus passed 'free.' If the hall is crowded he is begrudged the room he occupies, for if his complementaries were paying tickets the troupe would be so much in pocket. He blows and puffs a church festival free to any desired extent and does the poster printing at half rates, and rarely gets a 'thank you' for it. It goes as part of his duty as an editor. He does more work gratuitously for the town and community than all the rest of the population put together, and gets cursed for it all, while in many instances where a man who donates a few dollars to a Fourth of July celebration, base-ball club, or church, is gratefully remembered. Oh, it is a sweet thing to be an editor. He passes 'free,' you know."

### How to Make a Good Country School.

Select none but free, educated men, directors.

Have good school houses neatly built and well ventilated, and thoroughly supplied with good furniture and apparatus.

Have the school commence the first Monday in September, and continue, with the holiday vacation, till the first of May following.

Employ none but trained teachers, or those qualified to lead, rather than mislead the young.

Retain the same teacher throughout the school year.

Pay said teacher enough to enable him to live and have a little money to spend to fit himself for higher usefulness in his calling.

Don't employ a teacher because he underbids some one else, for in ninety-nine out of a hundred cases he is worthless. Cheap teachers, like cheap jewelry, are not made of good material. Avoid them.

Let parents, officials and others visit the schools frequently, not to find fault, but to encourage both teacher and pupil.

Don't be afraid that your school-boards cost too much. Your children parents, are more valuable than your horses and cattle, the theory of many school patrons to the contrary notwithstanding.—Good Templar.

A young man advertised for a private boarding house where he would be treated as one of the family. He got it. But, after he had stayed at home fourteen nights to take care of the baby, had been utilized cold mornings to build the fires, found himself minus towels, eight or ten times, on which occasions he wiped his face and hands on his night shirt, and several other things not worth mentioning, he became discouraged and left, while the rest of the family sagely agreed that some people do so deteriorate by contact with the world that they are unable to appreciate home comforts.

The extreme high—or depth—of burlesque, has not been reached even yet in our navy. The Government has just succeeded in selling the "Roanoke," which has been calmly rotting in John Roach's ship-yard, for these many years, for \$60,000, an old junk. Now, Mr. Roach presents a bill for \$21,000 for storage. Under the circumstances, the best to be done is to tell Mr. Roach to keep the "Roanoke" for his honesty.—N. Y. Tribune.

Just too DREADFUL.—The Ohio ladies who mingled with the crowds about the polls at the recent election distributing and pleading with the voters in favor of the temperance cause, say they were treated with uniform politeness and respect, but they add with one voice that "it's just too dreadful the way the gentlemen will tell fibs about the way they are going to vote."—Globe Democrat.

### Assessment Work.

Under the United States mining law it is necessary that \$100 should be expended annually in labor or material on all unpatented mining claims. This labor can be performed at any time within the year—the year ending from the first of January to the 31st of December of the same year. The labor cannot be partly done in one year and the remainder within the next year, but the full amount must be within the twelve calendar months as stated. Persons holding claims cannot be too particular in the matter, as a failure to comply with the law makes locations liable to be jumped. Many persons hold claims who fail to do their annual work as required by law, and doubtless there are a number of such locations in this district. For the benefit of all such we would advise that the annual work be attended to now, as there are not thirty days more in the present year within which work can be done.

"Do you believe in spirits?" the young lady asked the new pastor. "No my daughter," replied the old man, "I don't believe in anything this side of heaven. I preached in Washington twenty years."

The life of a passenger car is estimated at sixteen years by the Pennsylvania railroad people. It costs, when new, \$5,100, and for repairs during the sixteen years, \$11,200. Total cost, \$16,300. It is worth at the end of the sixteen years, \$645.—Ex.

"The Republican party of the nation, Senator Frye of Maine says, 'is in much better condition to-day than it was nine months before Garfield's election. The trouble is, people forget. The Republican party will win in 1884.'"

A German writer, in one of the Berlin papers of his campaign, gives the following interesting item: "In this battle we lost the brave Captain Schulte. A cannon ball took off his head. His last words were: 'Bury me on the spot where I fell.'"—Ex.

The Sun says: "Devoted as he is to the welfare of the Democratic party and still anxious to render every possible service to the people, there are no circumstances under which Tilden can be induced to accept the nomination. The Democrats will be obliged to look elsewhere for a candidate in 1884."

The San Francisco Exchange, an independent Democratic journal, sums up the recent elections as follows: "As the Democracy had confidently counted on New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut, with a reasonable possibility of also carrying Pennsylvania, the result cannot be regarded as anything other than a serious set back for that party."

First party—"When does a man become a samistres?"  
Second party—"When he hems and haws."

First party—"No."

Second party—"When he threads his way."

First party—"No."

Second party—"When he rips and tears."

First party—"No."

Second party—"Give it up."

First party—"Never if he can help it."

"Lady Jim," a Nevada Indian, known as the he squaw, died at Virginia, Nev., last week. He was in disgrace, and dressed in female apparel on account of his refusal to fight with his tribe (Putes) in the war at Pyramid lake in 1860. He was condemned by his tribe at the time and has ever since worn petticoats.

"Father, asked the young son of Deacon Squibs, 'what is the difference between a man that dyes wool on lambs and a Western editor?'"

"Well, now, really, my son," beamed benignantly on him, "I'm not prepared to state. What is the difference?"

"Why, pa, one is a lamb dyer and the other is a—"

"What, my son?"

"Western editor," continued the boy, rolling his tongue around in his cheek.

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